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Prior to 8 September 1952, the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne on Baulwitzstrasse, Saalfeld (M 51/J 53), was occupied by about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 9 September, a unit of not less than 250 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets arrived at the installation. On 10 September, they were apparently arranging their quarters. About 12 trucks were near the garages. On 11 September, about 60 soldiers were engaged in maintenance work on 20 trucks near the garages and 20 soldiers were at the four field kitchens which were in operation. About 70 soldiers were shoveling coal into the cellars. Troops were continuously entering and leaving the garages and all buildings of the installation. Individual soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in addition to the personnel wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets who, since 10 September, had furnished the sentry.

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\* of the present report, the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne in Saalfeld quartered only rear detachments of the 315th RL Regt (US) of the XXVIII SS Air Bde Corps, whose soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets, during the period from May to late June 1952.

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and even 1,500 men in this installation in August and late August respectively. These estimates appeared to be exaggerated, particularly as reported that the rocket launcher regiment from Chirch had returned to its post. It is therefore believed that the information, according to which only 15 men were quartered at the barracks installation prior to 8 September, is more credible. From the service color observed, it is inferred that the unit arriving on 9 September was an infantry unit. The assignment of this unit cannot be determined, as the motor vehicles observed belong to new and unidentified

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